

House Resolution No. 3963

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the histories of Show-Me State organizations dedicated to improving quality of life in local communities and neighborhoods through the excellence of their services for senior citizens and the elderly; and

Whereas, the Shepherd's Center of Webster Groves/Kirkwood, Incorporated, was established in 1998 through the leadership of three congregations on the corners of Berry and Lockwood roads, Webster Hills United Methodist Church, Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church, and Webster Groves Christian Church; and

Whereas, on September 12, 2008, this Shepherd's Center will celebrate its Tenth Anniversary as an interfaith volunteer organization that provides programs and services for their clients in order to enable older adults to remain vital and active; and

Whereas, this Shepherd's Center admirably illustrates the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Faith in Action slogan, "a neighbor's independence depends on you", by having volunteers work in seven different programs related to helping the elderly, frail, or homebound; and

Whereas, in the decade since its inception, this Shepherd's Center has expanded from thirty volunteers to 170 volunteers and from three sponsoring congregations to seven, adding Concordia Lutheran Church, the Lutheran Church of Webster Gardens, Webster Groves Presbyterian Church, and First United Methodist Church of Webster Groves; and

Whereas, more than 375 youth volunteers and leaders have cleaned more than 150 yards for their older neighbors in the past ten years; and

Whereas, the Shepherd's Center of Webster Groves/Kirkwood is now guided by Executive Director Gayle McHenry, whose staff and volunteers share the credit for the organization's outstanding success delivering neighbor-helping-neighbor services:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the history, goals, and accomplishments associated with the Shepherd's Center of Webster Groves/Kirkwood and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes as they celebrate the Tenth Anniversary of the founding of the organization; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the Shepherd's Center of Webster Groves/Kirkwood, Incorporated.

Offered by _____
Representative Kathlyn Fares
District No. 91

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3963, adopted August 25, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker